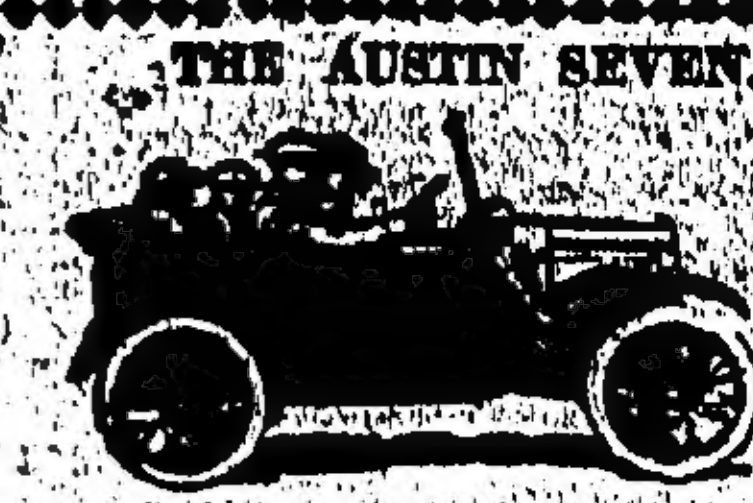


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SUMMER FACILITIES.

Work Already Begun at North Point.

May 1 will as usual be Hongkong's "big splash" day, or at any rate, the facilities will then be provided for making it so. Already the Government has caused to be put in hand work on the North Point bathing beach.

The usual cubicles are being put up at North Point and as far as can be ascertained at the moment it would appear that the provision of these and other facilities such as the rafts, floats and piers at the other two beaches, Kennedy Town and Stonecutters, will be undertaken in the course of the three months. The three rafts at Repulse Bay will also make their appearance on the appointed day.

There will be catered for daily the number of 44,000 perspiring citizens of the demand and the measures taken to meet it are the same as last year; for the "China Mail" understands that this is a rough estimate of last year's figures, North Point accounting for 22,000 and Stonecutters for 22,000.

For the small charge that it is necessary to make to keep away mosquitoes, plus a couple of nimbly ten-cent pieces for car rides, a cooling plunge may be enjoyed from either of the two Hongkong beaches. For the one who is not in a position to part with a "dollar both ways," plus "incidentals," for the more expensive beaches, there is the moderate Stonecutters beach, a 15-cent trip if from Hongkong, 40 if from Kowloon.

TALE OF A GUN.

WHAT A BAG OF PEANUTS CONTAINED.

MISSION OF REVENGE.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a young Chinese named Li Yun was charged with unlawfully having in his possession an automatic pistol and a quantity of ammunition.

Inspector A. F. Purden, who had charge of the case, stated that his instructions were to apply for a formal remand for three days in order to make further enquiries. He added that at the end of that time he would probably ask for a committal to the Sessions.

Describing the arrest, Sergeant Kennedy said that the accused was searched in the ordinary way on entering the Hau Tak Wharf at Connaught Road Central at 5.45 p.m., yesterday. In a parcel which the man carried under his arm, it was alleged that 99 cartridges with dum-dum bullets were found. On being questioned as regards firearms, the accused pointed to a package of peanuts in which the revolver was found.

Continuing, the Sergeant said that the accused made a statement at the charge room. The statement was to the effect that the accused's father was assaulted by a man in Kongmoon nine or ten years ago. When the father died he asked the son to purchase a revolver and take revenge on the assailant. For this purpose he brought the revolver with him from America.

Mr. T. G. Bennett, appearing for the defence, said that the accused was a laundryman on board the s.s. Empress of Australia, and was going back to the country with the intention of returning to rejoin the ship on the next trip.

In applying for bail, Mr. Bennett said that it was not a very serious case as such instances were common in almost every country. The accused had given him the same story as that detailed by the police, and he thought it was a case in which the prosecution might have asked His Worship to deal with the man summarily. He added that his client would probably be able to find \$1,000 bail.

His Worship thought that it was a case in which he could not allow bail, and directed the parties to see Mr. King, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.

On being informed that Mr. King desired that the man should remain in police custody during the three days' remand asked for, His Worship adjourned the case until Monday morning.

The charge, for the use of the beach facilities is 20 cents. The usual ferry service companies will supply launches if, as is anticipated, the arrangement will be along lines similar to those of last year. On these accommodations has been pronounced most satisfactory.

"These bathing facilities are undoubtedly a great boon for a condition and now that the warm weather would appear to have come to stay at last, the hope will be generally expressed that the Government will see its way clear to provide these facilities again, even though they involve a monetary loss."

HONGKONG'S GOVERNOR.

No Need For Any Change.

HOME PAPER'S COMMENTS.

SIR EDWARD STUBBS THE RIGHT MAN.

Reuter informs us that on June 27, Sir Edward Stubbs, Governor of Hongkong, will proceed to England and is not expected to return to the Colony. Remarks the "China Express and Telegraph." Sir Edward will then have completed the five years' term of his appointment, and following the usual practice, will make way for another. There can be little doubt that Sir Edward's first experience as a full-fledged Colonial Governor has been a pronounced success and his future career will be followed with keen interest by all who have witnessed the remarkable strides the distant Colony has

\$30,000 CHARGE.

A MOTHER-IN-LAW IN TROUBLE.
DOMESTIC TANGLE.

Gold Neck Chain Weighing Three Pounds.

A mother-in-law is the central figure in a little domestic drama involving nearly \$30,000, which includes a pure gold neck-chain weighing about three pounds and a dupois.

To understand the trouble presented him with, to be cared for by the concubine and her mother. During his sojourn in his first wife, proper, is the "kit faa." When she dies, her husband can put another in her place to be known as the "tin fong." There is no limit to the number of concubines whose status, of course, always considered inferior to that of a kit faa or tin fong.

About four years ago, a Yunnanese military officer took unto himself a concubine. Later he has resided at Pokfulam Road, near 7 police Station, in the Western district. Duty took him away from his family and he returned to Yunnan, leaving his little son, which the concubine had

presented him with, to be cared for by the concubine and her mother. During his sojourn in his first wife, proper, is the "kit faa." When she dies, her husband can put another in her place to be known as the "tin fong." There is no limit to the number of concubines whose status, of course, always considered inferior to that of a kit faa or tin fong.

On his return to the Colony, he found, so he alleges, that his mother-in-law had disappeared. This would probably have been welcome to him but he accuses her of taking away \$24,000 in cash that he had entrusted to her for safe keeping, together with jewellery valued at over \$3,000 and 26 taels of 100 fine gold-leaf worth about \$1,300. Two small servant girls are also alleged to have been taken away.

Yesterday, the mother-in-law was traced to a house in Hill Road which is below the University and not far from the other flat. At the Police Station some of the cash was forthcoming with the jewellery which included a clumsy looking gold chain weighing about three pounds. It is alleged that at the time the gold leaf was not found but the mother-in-law had with her some other jewellery of her own.

Not Safe at Night.

Another case concerning a man and his family jewellery, was brought to the Police notice last night when the man was given some fatherly advice and told that it was not safe to carry much jewellery about at night.

His wife had returned to the country some time ago and he had deposited her jewellery for safe keeping at a shop in which his father held an interest. On his wife's return he went to bring the jewellery back. He fell under suspicion and was taken to the Central Station. Explanations were forthcoming. His bona fides were accepted and he was sent home with a word of advice.

MR. "JUSTICE" WOOD.

TO ACT AS PUISNE JUDGE.

MR. GOMPERTZ'S LEAVE.

Reference by Mr. Justice Gompertz in the Summary Court this morning to a case which "Mr. Justice Wood" would be able to adjudicate upon may be taken as intimation that Mr. J. R. Wood, Senior Magistrate at the Central Magistracy, is to take the place of Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Puisne Judge, during the latter's leave.

Mr. Gompertz is sailing by the s.s. Karmala to-morrow and is spending his holidays at his Itracombe home.

LOCAL SHARES.

Some of the opening quotations this morning were:—Siamboats \$36 1/2 buyers; Banks \$120 nominal; Canton Insurance \$75 buyers; Star Ferries \$87 buyers; Wharves \$193 1/2 buyers; Docks \$120 buyers; Shanghai Docks \$128 buyers; Hotels \$153 1/2 buyers; Humphreys \$26 1/2 buyers; Cements \$22 1/2 buyers; Electric \$66 1/2 buyers; Dairy Farm \$26 1/2 buyers.

TYPHOON WARNING.

A telegram was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory to-day at 11.45 a.m., as follows:—

Typhoon in about Lat. 14 N., Long. 138 E., moving N.

Shanghai, April 16.—The Customs state that the arms mentioned yesterday were not seized but merely detained. The China Press explains that the removal of the cargo from the vessel was largely due to a misunderstanding due to the Easter holidays and the Customs being closed. Reuter.

The telegram referred to reported that 8,000 Mauser pistols and 1,400,000 rounds of ammunition, valued at from six to eight hundred thousand dollars, were alleged to have been seized in a raid on the German steamer E.C. Rickmers by the Customs officials on Monday morning.

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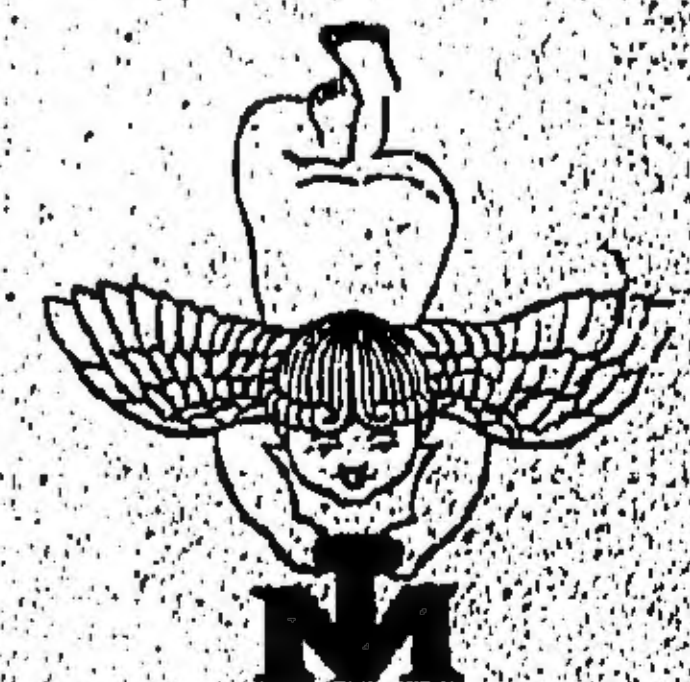
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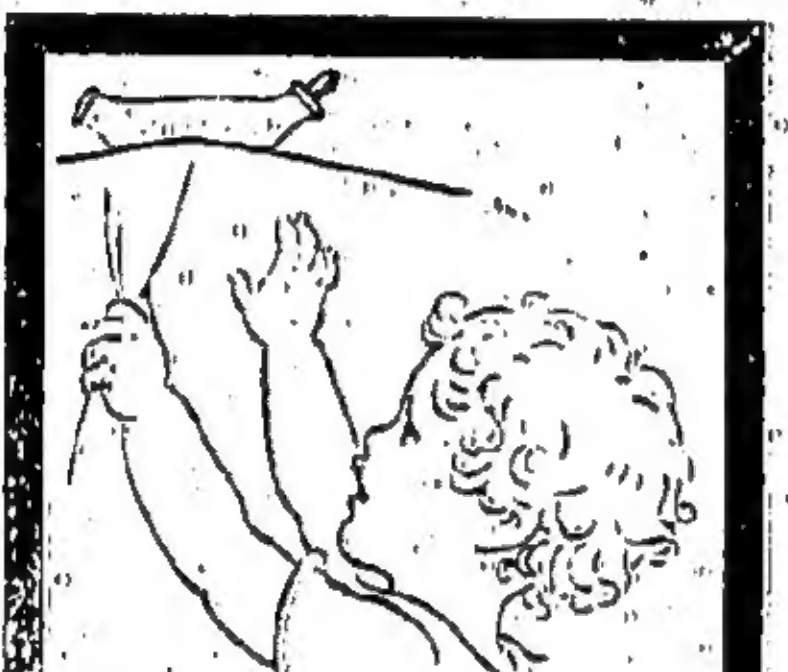
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Foreigners have always died of these diseases owing to failure to find a remedy. Of late Dr. San Yee Sen is suffering from cancer of the liver which is a phase of one of the above-mentioned diseases. Those suffering from this disease will gradually develop fever, nervous pain, urinary troubles, bad appetite, dysentery and vomiting. Victims of this disease are advised to immediately procure "CARCINOLYSIN" from our agents and by taking this internally, or by injection, the progress of the disease will be stopped and results quickly obtained.

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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, "St. George's" Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 27th April, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1924, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 16th April, 1925, until MONDAY, the 27th April, 1925, both days inclusive.
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Hongkong, 9th April, 1925.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Royal Building, Ice House Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 29th April, 1925, at Noon.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 20th April, 1925, to 29th April, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
S. J. JORDAIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1925.

NOTICE.

I have started business from date as Share and General Broker, and to-day and from name of Edwards & Co., at the Bank of Canton Buildings, No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central.

Mr. Lewis A. Tobias, has full power to deal in my name and also signs for the firm per procuration.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 2nd May 1925, (weather permitting) may be obtained at Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, 18th April, 1925.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1925.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Clerk of the Course, Mr. F. Sutton, having left the Colony, all communications, until further notice, should be addressed to the Stewards c/o Lindsay and Davis.

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NOTICE.

MR. ISAIAS FRANCISCO DA ROCHA will be in charge of our Office during the absence of Mr. Carl E. Koenig.

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TROTSKY.

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PHYSICAL MAGNETISM.

A remarkable personal impression of Trotsky, the fallen Bolshevik leader in Russia, is given by Mr. Edwin W. Hallinger in the *Fortnightly Review* for March. Mr. Hallinger first saw Trotsky at a meeting of the Moscow Soviet in the state hall of the Nobles' Club, once the gathering place of Moscow's elite. The speaker's platform swarmed with people and chairs, only a small space being reserved for the centre, and, says Mr. Hallinger:

"Into this little clearing suddenly walked a small, vigorous man; clad in a dapper khaki uniform. My first impression was of the absolute immaculateness of his appearance from crown to toe. He seemed to have just stepped away from his valet's hands. There is an air about a man who has been groomed by another human being that makes him stand out from other men. Something in the composite effect—doubtless a perfection of detail—what no man seems able to accomplish with his own poor efforts! Trotsky possessed this something. His cheeks had been shaved to the point of glistering. His mustache and goatee had been trimmed to a hair, and their blackness stood out with a jet brilliance against the whiteness of his skin. His hair was black and perfectly trimmed, and his boots and leather leggings polished. His uniform fitted perfectly. His black eyes sparkled. His teeth flashed occasionally in a manner reminiscent of Roosevelt. VIGOR AND ENERGY."

Soon every person in the room was cheering, and Trotsky was obviously pleased. On all the subsequent occasions when I heard him before a meeting I noticed his evident pleasure at this adoration of the crowd. He took it for what it was worth; he was not concerned. But he never had grown too used to the adoration of the crowd. He took a few "documents" from his brief-case and almost immediately began speaking in positive, rather high tones. It was not an altogether pleasing voice. But it had a penetrating quality and a message of vigour and mystery that commanded the hearer. It was obvious from the first that there was a man of no small powers.

His magnetism was more physical than spiritual. He possessed that element of physical vigour that never fails to attract. It is an abundance of the vital forces, a radiation of life energy, and it appeals directly wherever found. Trotsky had the easy self-mastery of a conscious leader. He was the kind of man whom you would expect to take the initiative quickly, hit hard, and keep on hitting—a quality which is a prime essential for leadership in a primitive land. DAZZLING "BUNK."

From the intellectual point of view, however, the speech was a great disappointment. I have never heard a worse sample of intellectual cheapness and what in America goes under the name of "bunk." It was a dazzling, sparkling skein, it is true, but a skein of most fragile fineness; an association of facts which none but a child's mind could have failed to detect as purely superficial. It was a series of suspiciously padded facts. I do not recall a single *proof* fact in the speech. It was distressing that a man with the qualities of leadership which Trotsky unquestionably possessed could stop to such mediocrity.

It was a mass of half facts and suspected facts glossed over with a glittering surface that reflected a consummate skill in world-linking and emotionalism, but a bareness of intellectual conscience that was appalling in a great leader. It would have been inexcusable in a Hyde Park agitator. Impressively, Trotsky produced "documents" from his brief-case to "prove" statements which on their face were insufficient.

One could see the impression the act made on the audience, some of whom could neither read nor write. You could almost hear some of them thinking, "Why, look at him; he can actually read them!"

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DOCTORS' OATH.

AGE-LONG OBSERVANCE OF SECRECY.

The doctor of to-day takes no oaths on entering his profession, but the doctor of Pagan Greece and Christian Rome apparently did, for such an oath comes down from Hippocrates, although it was varied under Christianity.

"The point of his Hippocratic Oath is that while it dates from Pagan times, it was adapted in the Middle Ages in order that Christians might take it. Here are some of the most interesting features of the Oath as translated by Mr. W. H. S. Jones and included in an article in the *Sphere*.

"I swear by Apollo Physician, by Asclepius, by Health, by Healing, and by all the gods and goddesses, making them witnesses, that I will carry out, according to my ability and judgment, this oath and this indenture. To regard my teacher in this art as equal to my parents; to make him partner in my livelihood; and when he is in need of money, to share mine with him; to consider his offspring equal to my brothers; to teach them this art, if they require to learn it, without fee or indenture; and to impart precept, oral instruction, and all the other learning, to my sons, to the sons of my teacher, and to pupils who have signed the indenture and sworn obedience to the physicians' Law, but to none other.

"I will use treatment to help the sick according to my ability and judgment, but I will never use it to injure or wrong them."

"Whatever in the course of practice I see or hear (or even outside my practice in social intercourse) that ought never to be divulged abroad, I will not divulge, but consider such things to be holy secrets.

"Now if I keep this oath and break it not, may I enjoy honour, in my life and art, among all men for all time, but if I transgress, and forsake myself, may the opposite befall me."

"The most interesting feature of this document, perhaps, is the fact that the secrecy of doctors has been a question of controversy through so great an infinity of ages," comments the writer.

HARNESSING THE SUN.
2,000,000,000 HORSE-POWER IN A SQUARE MILE.

Engineers are beginning once more to examine the prospect of deriving power from the solar rays, and there is little doubt that, if the secret of the atom eludes our grasp for very many years longer, serious efforts will be made to harness sun power for industrial purposes. It was estimated by John Ericsson, the engineer and inventor, that the power obtainable from the solar rays falling upon a square mile of land upon the rainless coast of America, or the southern coast of the Mediterranean or in parts of Asia, Australia and Africa, would keep 22,000,000 solar motors, each of 100 h.p., in efficient operation nine hours of every day in the year.

The present method of utilising sun power is to use the rays of the sun for heating water, and converting it into steam to drive engines, in exactly the same way as with the ordinary process of steam raising. In a little suburb of Cairo, there is now in successful operation an irrigation system, the motive power for which is derived from the heat of the sun, whereby 700 h.p. can be developed without difficulty. A similarly successful experiment has just been demonstrated in California.

The plant at Cairo was evolved after a series of unsuccessful attempts, and a short time ago a whole series of heat absorbers for generating low-pressure steam from water were installed. The apparatus now consists of five heat absorbers, in the form of parabolic troughs or mirrors, each 200 feet long and 13 feet in width. They are placed 25 feet apart, so that they will not shade each other in the late afternoon. Their axes point north and south, and they turn from east to west on their axes to face the sun in its daily course. The steam boiler itself is simply a channel at the foot of the mirrors.

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DUKEDOM CLAIM.

A LICENSED VICTUALLER OF 1770.

Further inquiry into the question of the succession to the dukedom of Somerset was made by the Committee for Privileges of the House of Lords, the Earl of Donoughmore presiding.

There have already been adjournments from last July to December and again to the present month in consequence of suggestions of a defective 18th century link in connection with the lineage of Sir Edward Hamilton Seymour, who succeeded to the title in 1923. The dukedom is claimed by the Marquis of Hertford if the present holder of the title is not lawfully descended from the 8th duke.

In September, 1787, Colonel Frances Seymour (an ancestor of Sir Edward Hamilton Seymour) married a Leonora Hudson, the supposed widow of a seaman reported to have died in 1786. It has been suggested that this man, John Hudson, appeared again subsequently, and that the Seymour marriage was not valid. Efforts to trace a subsequent remarriage have failed, though inquiry has been made throughout the kingdom.

At the July sitting of the Committee it was stated that John Hudson was, as late as 1790, returned as paying land tax for a house in Paddington-street, Marylebone, and at the December sitting there was the additional allegation that a John Hudson was buried in the burial ground of St. George's, Hanover-square, in 1791.

Sailor and Innkeeper. Mr. Luxmoore, K.C., placing the new facts before the committee on behalf of the Marquis of Hertford, said his point was that the marriage of Colonel Francis Seymour and Leonora Hudson was not valid. The new information was derived from the rate books and parish registers at Woolwich and from other local sources. It showed that John Hudson, who described himself in his will as a seaman on board the *Manship*, in the service of the East India Company, was occupying premises as a licensed victualler from 1770 to 1775, and that he then moved to the New Tavern, on Woolwich Common, the highest rated house on the common.

Between 1763 and 1776, and also from 1782 up to the third quarter of 1780, (except in 1788) there was only one John Hudson in the Woolwich rate books.

During discussion of the alleged death and burial of John Hudson at Calcutta it appeared that the East India Co. paid the widow a sum under John Hudson's will, from which had been deducted a sum for burial expenses.

Judge and a Corpse.

Lord Sumner asked whether it was suggested that Hudson imposed on his friends? Counsel replied that the suggestion was that having made up his mind to desert he thus covered up his tracks.

Lord Atkinson asked whether he got someone to personate him as a corpse?

Counsel: Not necessarily. From further discussion it appeared that it is hoped to prove that signatures of John Hudson down to 1810 (long after his supposed death), are similar to those of John Hudson's earlier signatures.

Mr. Luxmoore was still addressing the committee when it adjourned.

MODERN ROMANCE.

DANCER MARRIES MILLIONAIRE.

Miss Leonora Hughes, the dancer, who has often appeared in London hotels, was married to Senor Carlos Ortiz Basualdo, an Argentine millionaire. The ceremony was performed in St. Patrick's Cathedral, while Maurice, the bride's dancing partner, shed copious tears, exclaiming: "I love her as I could love a sister. Leonora meant everything to me. I wanted to see her happy, but this is a bolt out of a clear sky. At 9.30 a stranger called me up and told me she was to be married, and I couldn't believe it."

After the ceremony the bridegroom, looking somewhat perplexed, approached the figure of wax, patted his back, and said: "There! There!"

But Maurice refused to be comforted, declaring that he did not think he would ever dance again. The bride joined in comforting Maurice, and the trio were photographed together.

The bride gave her age as 26, the same as the bridegroom's, and her occupation as "None."

"Father," said Clementine, "do you enjoy hearing me sing?"

"Well," was the answer, "I don't know, but it's rather soothing in a way. It makes me forget my other troubles."

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS

VESSELS DUE.

FROM HANGKONG.

Apr. 18.—B. A. Blouant, 18.30.

FROM SHANGHAI.

Apr. 18.—E. F. Lyon, 18.30.

18.—B. F. Helsinki, 19.30.

19.—J. O. L. Helsinki, 19.30.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Apr. 22.—B. L. Helsinki, 22.30.

22.—B. L. Helsinki, 22.30.

FROM BOMBAY.

Apr. 20.—P. & O. Dacca, 20.30.

Apr. 23.—P. & O. Dacca, 23.30.

May 14.—P. & O. Dacca, 14.30.

June 9.—P. & O. Dacca, 9.30.

July 23.—P. & O. Dacca, 23.30.

Aug. 6.—P. & O. Dacca, 6.30.

FROM MANILA.

Apr. 11.—U.S.S. West Jester, 11.30.

11.—U.S.S. West Jester, 11.30.

May 8.—U.S.S. West Jester, 8.30.

19.—O.P.S. Empress of Canada, 19.30.

20.—O.P.S. Empress of Russia, 20.30.

June 3.—O.P.S. Empress of Asia, 3.30.

July 7.—U.S.S. West Jester, 7.30.

Sept. 4.—B. A. Helsinki, 4.30.

FROM JAPAN.

Apr. 22.—J. O. L. Helsinki, 22.30.

22.—J. O. L. Helsinki, 22.30.

FROM Cebu, Tagaytay, and ILOILO.

Apr. 21.—U.S.S. West Jester, 21.30.

May 16.—U.S.S. West Jester, 16.30.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Apr. 21.—N.Y.K. Akamaru, 21.30.

May 6.—N.Y.K. Akamaru, 6.30.

June 3.—N.Y.K. Akamaru, 3.30.

July 11.—N.Y.K. Akamaru, 11.30.

Aug. 18.—N.Y.K. Akamaru, 18.30.

Sept. 15.—N.Y.K. Akamaru, 15.30.

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S.S. "HABU" ... Tuesday, 19th May

S.S. "HABU" ... Tuesday, 21st Apr.

S.S. "HABU" ... Friday, 1st May.

S.S. "HABU" ... Sunday, 16th Apr.

S.S. "HABU" ... Sunday, 17th May

S.S. "HABU" ... End of May

S.S. "HABU" ... Friday, 11th April

S.S. "HABU" ... Monday, 20th April

S.S. "HABU" ... Sunday, 19th April, at 2 p.m.

S.S. "HABU" ... Sunday, 20th April, at 2 p.m.

S.S. "HABU" ... Thursday, 23rd Apr. at 10 a.m.

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SHANGHAI QUOTATIONS.

The following, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai Market this morning.

Langkats	25 50	Buyers
Ewos	11 75	Buyers
Shanghai Docks	127	Buyers
N. Engineerings	8 75	Buyers
Oriental	3 75	Buyers
Shanghai Cottons	59	Buyers

Buenos Aires, April 16.—The official estimate of the 1925 wheat crop is 5,201,000 tons and exportable stocks of wheat 1,845,000 tons.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.**NOTICE.**

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPT for \$25,000 Hongkong Currency being Nod. 4085 issued by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited and dated the 7th April, 1925, in favour of Messrs. Man-Fook Trading Company has been either lost or stolen and the same has now for all purposes been CANCELLED.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before 30th inst., or they will not be recognized.

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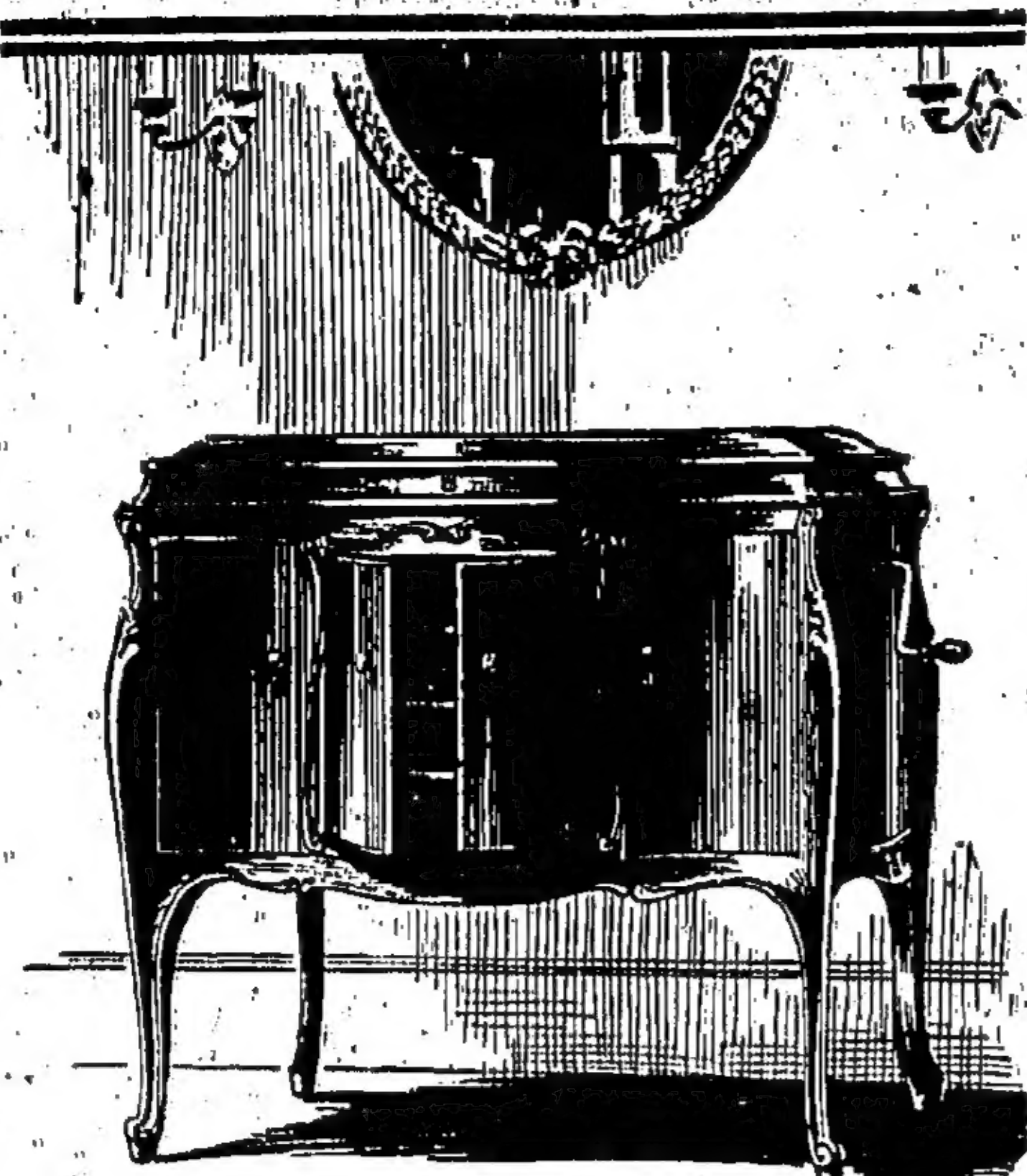
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A TICKLISH PROBLEM.

The reference books omit to mention the salary drawn by a Premier of France—the President, we note, receives £40,000 a year—but it needs no saying that the emoluments will be fairly good. Nevertheless, the post-to-day is one that nobody seems to have been unduly anxious to fill. When M. Herriot's insecure tenure of office came to an end, the President invited M. Briand to form a Cabinet. M. Briand took two days to think the matter over and then declined. The President next turned to M. Painlevé, the only other leader with the necessary backing. M. Painlevé, after a cautious delay, accepted. Then it seemed he too might withdraw. To-day's cables state that friends of M. Painlevé

were of the opinion that he would abandon the attempt to form a Cabinet if he failed to secure the collaboration of M. Briand as Minister of Foreign Affairs and of M. Caillaux as Minister of Finance. Later cables however report that he has succeeded in forming a Cabinet.

The reason why nobody has been anxious to become Premier of France at this particular stage is of course that it is upon the Premier the chief burden of the country's present financial troubles will fall. Certainly the Minister of Finance will be the one who will have to unravel the threads of the existing confusion, but it is the Premier who will have to face the political storms that will inevitably arise, and the fate of M. Herriot in this respect will hardly serve to inspire confidence. Moreover the financial situation has become so serious that firm ground cannot be reached until some very distasteful measures have been adopted, such for instance as drastic revision of the income tax, which is sure to bring the inevitable popular outcry. M. Caillaux, who is regarded in some quarters as the one financial genius in France who can save the country and has accepted the post of Minister of Finance, is confident that he can soon bring the national finances back to normal. He has his work cut out and if he succeeds he will rank among the greatest of his country's sons. Good luck to him!

Looking Ahead.

It is not difficult to imagine what the appearance of the land beyond Kowloon will be like in the next five or ten years. Expansion must, as an economic fact, take place in that direction. The influx

into Kowloon itself, in recent years, has been terrific, and the result has been new buildings, new industries, and new interests for the people themselves. Large ferries have had to be built, whilst the numerous bus services have made seemingly distant places like Kowloon city quite near. The pioneers and visionaries responsible for the Ho Mun Tin garden scheme have justified their enterprise; they have made the Kowloon Tong scheme possible, and brought such places as Shatin, Taiipo, and even Fanling, a little nearer Hongkong. The Government doubtless welcomes the trek towards the border that is being shown. It is good business, tending to a healthier population and increased revenue to the railway. One scheme now afoot only requires adequate backing to make it a desirable dwelling centre in Fanling for city workers, and a possible source of food supplies of a certain kind. The latest scheme affects principally Chinese and is in the nature of a model village. Behind it are those who, with more than a nodding acquaintance of western customs, have come to see that in overcrowding there is danger; and that in light and air and healthy and peaceful surroundings, are to be found things to make life worth living. The Government should energise its land selling department. It should treat its land as a commodity that it can sincerely recommend—and particularly in the New Territories. It should be able and willing to advise would-be purchasers, and with standard-sized plots, throw in with the cost of the site, fully prepared plans of a suitable dwelling. If the Government really knew its job and meant business, it would do this. And the people realising the Government knew its job and meant business, would respond. Adopt this method and in a very few years the New Territories will become a land literally flowing with milk and honey—certainly dotted with model settlements, houses and bungalows; with land singing with the sheer joy of its cultivation, the railway buzzing with energy, and a people healthy and happy. The destinies of the Colony undoubtedly lie in the New Territories.

Bites.

If old Isaac were alive we are not quite certain what he would say of the Hongkong Angling Club. We think he would give him his blessing in general terms. But he would probably say that the charm of fishing is when it is done solus. A bank of anglers, it seems to us, would not appeal to him. And on competitions generally he would doubtless wax sarcastic. But here is Hongkong's own Angling Club arranging a competition in "that great fishpond, the sea." We confess the prospect of a number of men sitting from 8 p.m. until midnight in an endeavour to hook denizens of the deep insufficient weight to earn a prize, does not fill us with enthusiasm. Even the opportunity of romancing about their captures is to be denied these good men and true, for "a judge, or judges, will be in attendance" and like Shylock, they will weigh to the last ounce. The only consolation seems to be that the Committee will provide bait. We sincerely trust the cork will not drop out!

V.R.C. DOINGS.

SPORTS, BOXING AND BILLIARDS.

Heats in the various events of the V.R.C. Athletic Sports meeting will take place at the Hongkong Football Club's ground, Happy Valley to-morrow, will be run off this evening between five and six o'clock.

To-morrow the sports proper will commence at 12 noon. H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), who is president of the Club, will give away the prizes at the conclusion.

Contestants for the box is tournament will weigh-in at the V.R.C. on Monday next, April 20, at 5.30 p.m.

Billiards Tournament. P. Yanovich will meet Ng Sze-cheung in the semi-final of the billiards championship on Wednesday, April 22. On Monday week, April 27, the final will be played when either Yanovich or Ng will meet S. C. Kwok. The winner of the final meet meets A. J. Osmond (holder) in the challenge round on Wednesday, April 29.

Moscow, April 16.—The Bosta agency states that at a session of the Georgian Soviets at Tiflis, M. Frunze declared the Red Army comprised 562,000 men, compared with 1,500,000 in the pre-war Tsarist army. Forty-one of every ten thousand Russians were soldiers, while in other European states the average was 108. Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RATIONALISM AND THE MODERN CHURCHMAN.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—The article which I enclose appeared a short time ago in a Magazine called the Modern Churchman which is a Magazine to maintain the cause of Truth, Freedom and Comprehensiveness in the Church of England. At the top of the first page of every issue of this magazine you will find the two quotations—

(1) By identifying the new learning with heresy, you make orthodoxy synonymous with ignorance.—Emerson.
(2) A State without the means of change is without the means of its conservation.—Edmund Burke.

There are many members of Christian Churches who conscientiously believe that Modernism is destroying the foundations of the Christian Faith. My own belief is exactly the contrary, and I am convinced that the future of the Church of England is in the hands of the Liberal Evangelicals and the Modernists.

On the question of the infallibility of certain Christian dogmas, the modernist position is nearer that of Christ than is that of the orthodox Roman Catholic, many of the Churchmen and the majority of the Liberal Evangelicals. The first belief is in the infallibility of Papal decrees when uttered ex cathedra, the second class hold the Bible to be infallible and the last regard as sacred the decisions of the oecumenical councils. The Modernist does not believe in the infallibility of the Pope, or of Holy Scripture, or of oecumenical councils.

The Modernist view tends more than the infallibility theories to elevate spiritual life because it makes men fall back on the Holy Spirit and work with that Spirit in deeds and a life of righteousness, knowing that thus and thus only will spiritual truth be attained, instead of resting on an external authority which may violate reason and conscience and drive educated and sincere men into indifference or opposition to the Christian Faith.

Modernists are not infallible nor do they claim to be infallible; but they do claim that it is their most earnest desire to learn the truth and to interpret that never-ceasing revelation of God which has been given in the Holy Scripture, in the thoughts of men and in the workings of the laws of Nature and History. Such an attitude of frankness, of not being afraid to say what we think, of not seeming to tell little lies in support of a great truth and of humility will make educated men and women more keen to support a right kind of missionary work. It will also make our personal faith and life more real, more strong and God-trusting.

"The acknowledgment of God in Christ accepted by the reason, solves for thee all questions in the earth and out of it."

Yours, etc.,

W. T. FEATHERSTONE,
The Diocesan Boys' School,
Hongkong, April 17, 1925.

[The article enclosed by the Rev. Mr. Featherstone appears on page nine.]

CRICKET.

K.C.C. V. C.S.C. "A"

Playing the Kowloon C.C. against the Civil Service "A" team, at Kowloon, commencing 2 p.m., to-morrow are the following:—J. C. Lyle, F. Goodwin, A. A. Dand, S. Jer, Gen. Lee, A. W. Ramsay, A. R. F. Raven, L. A. W. Duncan, W. F. J. Cervin, E. G. Renton and A. J. Kew.

Civil Service "A" will be represented in this friendly match by:—H. F. Harper (captain), F. L. Squibbs, F. B. Booker, S. B. Spillett, H. Strange, R. A. Smith, C. Alexander, A. W. Grimmit, W. Cullip, H. Westlake, and V. Jacob.

C.S.C.C. v. H.K.C.A. "A."

The postponed first division League match between the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club "A" will be played on the C.S.C.C. ground to-morrow at 2 p.m. The following will represent the C.S.C.C.:—B. W. Hamilton (captain), G. R. Sayer, B. D. Evans, E. B. Reed, E. C. Fincher, F. J. Ling, F. J. de Roma, H. G. Wallington, F. E. Lawrence, F. Baker, and F. H. Holdman.

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LEAGUE SOCCER.

LAST SENIOR MATCH DESCRIBED.

[By "Datchie."]

There are only two games remaining to be played and they are in the second division. Owing to the Valley grounds being closed, both will be played at Sookmupoo.

They are:—
China "A" v. St. Joseph's "B" kick-off at 3 p.m.
Surrey Res. v. University, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

Both the above games should end in a win for the first named, but whatever the results may be they will have no bearing on the positions in the league table.

YESTERDAY'S GAME

Club v. R. A.

The last game in the first division of the League took place yesterday on the Club ground. Taking into consideration the slippery nature of the ground, the play was of a very good order. The Club had four reserves playing and the Gunners also made changes in their team; the line up was as follows:—

Club:—Rodger, Oswick, Bishop, Panchoon, Stewart, Watson, Lyon, Forsyth, Howard, Johnstone and Hill.
R. A.:—Clayton, Dolbear, Whittington, Hynes, Reade, Vickers, Polford, Chester, Bradley, Rachell and Sauter.

Referee:—Mr. F. Smith.
Club attacked from the start and Forsyth tested Clayton. Soon after Lyon was offside and from the free kick the Gunners got away but Oswick nearly robbed Rachell and Howard receiving, missed the upright with a hard drive from well out. Immediately after Stewart shot over. Gunners took up the attack and Polford sent in a nice centre. Rodger was called on to save from Rachell. From the clearance Stewart sent Lyon away and from the latter's centre, Forsyth netted after Whittington had miskicked. Bishop cleared from Chester and at the other end Clayton saved from Hill after some good work by Watson. The Club's second goal came from a nice piece of individual play by Howard, who went through the defence on his own to beat Clayton. From the kick-off the Club forwards got away and with Howard sending across the goalmouth, Lyon met the ball and slammed it into the net. From the kick-off, the R. A. did the same thing, the whole forward line going down, from Polford's pass Bradley netted.

Half-time; Club 3; R. A. 1.
Rodger was called on immediately after the resumption to save from Polford. Hands against Panchoon soon after close in looked bad but Rodger saved from Reade's shot. Club's forward line got down and Johnstone centred but Howard fell with only the goal to beat; the ball went to Lyon who sent well over the top of the bar. Later in saving from Howard, Clayton was penalised for carrying the ball. The free kick from six yards out was eventually cleared and a brief visit to the Club Goal saw Rodger save from Sauter. Johnstone got through and after beating the defence topped to Howard who scored, the goalie getting to the ball, but unable to stop it. The R. A. now had a spell of attacking and Rachell twice in quick succession, and with Mr. Rodger to beat, sent wide. Bishop conceded a corner in attempting to clear from Chester. Panchoon cleared from the corner kick. Forsyth, being offside at the other end, spoilt a good chance to increase the lead.
Result: Club 4; R. A. 1.

The First Division of the League now being finished, the final positions of the teams are as follows:

	P. W. D. L. F. A.
Surreys	14 12 1 1 43 8 25
China "A"	14 9 2 3 33 14 20
Club	14 7 2 5 25 14 16
Kowloon	14 7 1 6 27 18 15
Police	14 5 3 6 12 19 13
R. A.	14 6 0 8 16 33 12
Tamar	14 4 1 9 12 15 9
China "B"	14 1 0 13 6 54 2

TENNIS PRIZES.

A beautiful cup, standing nearly a foot high, and presented by the British-American Tobacco Co., for Competition at the Kwangtung ninth athletic sports, has been brought down to Hongkong to be handed over to Yew Man-tsun, who won the singles tournament at Canton when the sports were held. Other prizes for Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau, who won the doubles, were sent down at the same time. Ng Sze-kwong is a former Hongkong champion. Yew and Ho have improved considerably and, playing in the H.K.C.C. open doubles, ousted Honda (the singles champion) and his partner, after being two sets and about five games down.
The prize for the South China football team of Hongkong has also been received here.

GIANT AIRSHIP ADRIFT.

DRIVEN BEFORE SIXTY-MILE GALE.

R33'S EXCITING VOYAGE.

Swept From England Across The North Sea.

The airship R33, which broke away from her moorings at Pulham yesterday morning with twenty men aboard, is now battling home across the North Sea.

SIGNAL OF DISTRESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 16.

The coxswain of the motor lifeboat which followed the R33 has returned to Lowestoft. He said he first noticed the airship when it dropped a white light which is a signal of distress. He immediately mustered his crew and put to sea.

The airship was 10,000 feet up, broadside to the wind and driving eastwards. There were frequent rain squalls. The visibility was bad. The wind was sixty miles an hour and the sea was very rough.

When seventeen miles out a gunboat overtook the lifeboat which returned. The airship was then apparently on a level keel and going before the wind. The coxswain expressed the opinion that the crew were contemplating landing on the Dutch coast.

Alarming Reports.

Amsterdam, April 16.

The wireless station at Rotterdam has wirelessly located the R33 in the vicinity of the island of Texel.

Amsterdam, April 16.

A wireless message has been picked up from the Japanese steamer Amazon Maru stating that the R33 is driving to Egmond near Alkmaar.

The airship's nose has been crushed in and the vessel requires assistance.

Airship Not Damaged.

London, April 16.

The Air Ministry announces that the R33 at four o'clock in the afternoon was twenty-five miles west-north-west of the Texel light. Half an hour later it was seventy-five miles north-west of Amsterdam and still maintaining a north-easterly course.

It is pointed out that there has been no breakage of the airship. The small arm of the masthead at Pulham was broken off and is dangling from the bow. This occasioned the report that the bow was damaged.

The wind veered to the north-west in the afternoon and decreased to twenty-five miles in the north of England. Therefore the R33 was instructed to maintain her present course. The R33 is not expected to return to Pulham to-night.

Engines Still Working.

Amsterdam, April 16.

The R33 is signalling every quarter of an hour, enabling the Wallhaven, Croydon and Pulham aerodromes to locate its position. Apparently there is no professional wireless operator on board. The wireless bearings show that the airship is moving against the gale. Therefore the engines are still working.

London, April 16.

The Air Ministry announces that the R33 has sent a wireless report that the engines are working O.K.

Attempting to Return.

Amsterdam, April 16.

The R33 was sighted at seven o'clock this evening over the fortress Ymuiden flying high in a north-easterly direction.

London, April 16.

The Air Ministry is in regular contact with the R33 which sent a wireless message "Will come to England when the wind moderates," and a message "Attempting to return."

Amsterdam, April 16.

The entire staffs of the Dekodj and Soesterberg aerodromes were mobilised to assist in the landing if necessary, but the R33 changed her direction southwards. The engines are apparently working well.

Bound for Home.

London, April 17.

The Air Ministry announces that the R33 is reported to have crossed the Dutch coast proceeding west-north-west at between five and ten knots.

The Admiralty has instructed the Godetia to accompany her homeward across the North Sea. The gale which reached a hundred miles an hour in some places earlier in the day has now subsided considerably.

The Air Ministry as a precaution arranged with Continental aerodromes for the event of a forced landing, but they point out the risks of landing abroad in unfavourable weather.

The R33 wirelessly stated that she did not intend to land at Rotterdam.

Midnight Struggle.

After its unexpected trip across the North Sea lashed by the fury of the gale, the R33, which is filled with inflammable gas, with twenty of a complete crew of 28 aboard, commanded by the first officer, Flight-Lieutenant Booth, and including Corporal Potter, a survivor of the R38 disaster, was gallantly battling at midnight to Pulham, where the aerodrome was illuminated for the landing. A crew of three hundred being prepared for a night long vigil.

Booth was evidently determined not to descend on the Continent, though precautionary arrangements were made in Holland, France and Germany.

Little Headway.

The Air Ministry announces that the R33 wirelessly at 11.5 p.m. "My position is fourteen miles 225 degrees—compass bearing—from Ymuiden. Making a little headway. Please close and show searchlight."

Another message wirelessly a few minutes later to Pulham reported the wind movement, continued progress, and asked for the forecast.

Nose Badly Damaged.

Amsterdam, April 17.

The R33 wirelessly from the aerodrome that it has "enough petrol to last twenty-four hours. The nose of the airship is heavily damaged. It is not considered a forced landing in Holland will be necessary, anyhow before dawn. The R33 hopes to reach Calais on Friday morning."

Another Truancy.

Bellevue, Illinois, April 16.

Simultaneously with the vagaries of the R33 from Pulham, an American airship crew of seven broke the steering gear and drifted off via the Granite City across the Mississippi. They eventually landed successfully at Black Walnut.

Earlier Cables.

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SOFIA BOMBS.

FUNERAL SERVICE OUTRAGE.

MANY PEOPLE KILLED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sofia, April 15.

Many people were killed and injured as the result of the explosion of a bomb in Svetanodela Cathedral during a funeral service for General Gheorghieff.

All the Ministers of the Cabinet were present but escaped uninjured.

[General Gheorghieff, a member of the Chamber and leader of the movement to overthrow the Stamboulski Government, was assassinated outside his residence in Sofia.]

TYPHOID MURDER?

America's Latest Sensation.

ORPHAN'S DEATH.

\$1,000,000 BEQUEST TO FOSTER FATHER.

Chicago, April 16.

The formal arraignment of the lawyer William Shepherd on the charge of murdering his foster son William McClintock, "millionaire orphan," is the latest stage in a sensation creating widespread interest in the United States.

The prosecution alleges that Shepherd perpetrated the murder last December by means of the administration of typhoid germs with the object of securing a bequest in McClintock's will under which he inherited over \$1,000,000.

It is asserted that the accused formerly attended a school of bacteriology conducted by Dr. Fauman, who states that he misused test tubes filled with typhus bacilli after Shepherd left.

Accused to-day pleaded not guilty.

BREAKERS AHEAD.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, April 16.

According to the Matin, Marshal Foch's report on German disarmament, which was communicated to the Conference of Ambassadors, mentions the various German defaults and gives details of the plan of disarmament of Germany which he considered necessary to assure security of the Allies.

Foch has obtained the opinion of the highest Allied military authorities including General Debeney, and General Degoutte, who urged the necessity for demanding strict application of the Treaty. Debeney produced documentary evidence of the continuous progress of German aviation and mentioned factories in countries adjacent to Germany in which were being constructed a disturbing amount of aviation material.

He emphasised the danger of landing grounds near the French frontier and stated that all German war pilots were at present training at aerodromes or employed in commercial aviation.

Degoutte prophesied that 1926, when Germany will have to make real payments under the Dawes plans, will be a period of extreme tension between France and the revengeful elements of Germany.

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PIQUANT POLITICS.

COMIC SIDE OF FRENCH CRISIS.

CAILLAUX'S RETURN.

Growing Echoes of Shooting Incident.

M. Caillaux's return to politics after his supposed final eclipse during the war has created several piquant situations which lend comic relief to France's financial troubles.

DEMENTED SOLDIER'S THREAT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 16.

M. Painleve's friends declare he will abandon the task of forming a Cabinet unless he obtains the collaboration of M. Briand and M. Caillaux for the Foreign and Finance portfolios respectively.

It is reported that M. Briand does not favour the inclusion of M. Caillaux in the Cabinet.

The police this morning arrested, outside the Quai d'Orsay a disabled ex-soldier, apparently demented, who was brandishing a revolver and declaring he was waiting to shoot M. Caillaux.

Cautious.

Paris, April 16.

M. Caillaux has accepted the portfolio of finance "in principle." M. Briand is still hesitating.

Meteor-Like Return.

London, April 16.

The political revival of M. Caillaux threatens to revive the bitterest passions in France, as evidenced by M. Painleve's difficulties in Cabinet-making.

M. Caillaux was a powerful Finance Minister early in 1914. He fell as the result of an outburst of popular feeling following the acquittal of his wife on a charge of shooting the editor of the "Figaro."

His imprisonment and banishment from Paris during the war seemed to be his final eclipse, but he arose again meteor-like last November after the passing of the amnesty bill when he was welcomed by a section of the Press as a financial genius alone able to

ARMS SEIZURE.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Shanghai, April 16.

The "China Press" states that the manager of the Rickmers Line says that it seems the owners had difficulty in getting a permit for the importation of arms from the Chinese Government. The cargo was originally intended to be landed at Taku, but as the permission to import had not been received, the vessel proceeded to Dairen and later to Shanghai.

The munitions are now in the Ma Li Chao munitions' godown.

PRINCE CHICHIBU.

(Courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Tokyo, April 16.

This evening, the British Society gave a dinner in honour of Prince Chichibu, the Emperor's second son, who is proceeding to England on the 28th inst.

Those invited include the Premier, Foreign Minister, the British Ambassador, etc.

Peking, April 16.—The Government, which is still anxious regarding the situation in Szechuan, is reported to have decided to issue a mandate instructing General Lin Hsiang, Tapan of Frontier Defence in the Hsiang district, to investigate matters in dispute between Yang Sen and his colleagues. It is feared in some quarters that the trouble may develop into open hostility, and attempts made to forcibly expel Yang Sen from Szechuan.—Courtesy of the "Daily Bulletin."

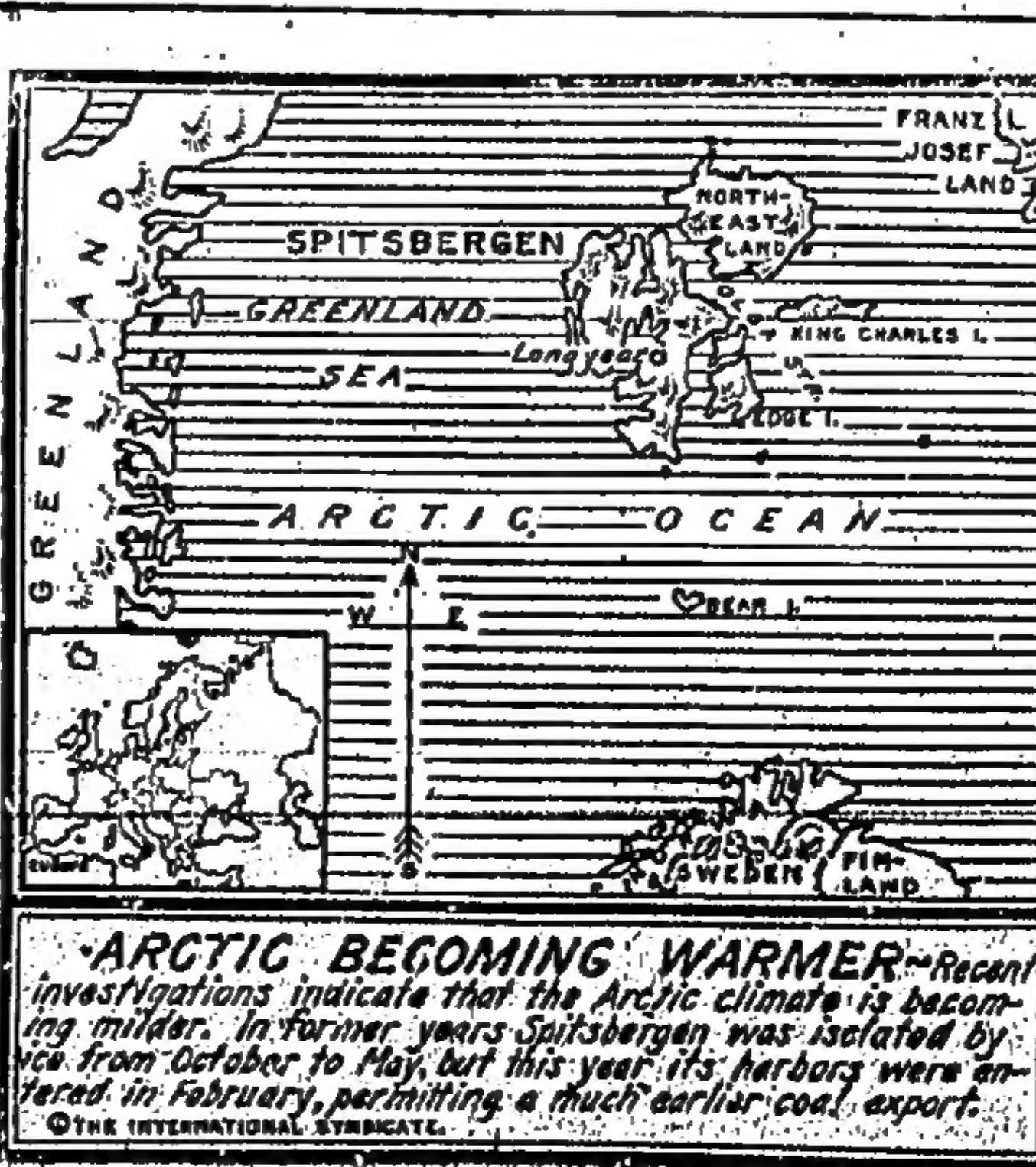
TRAFFIC IN ARMS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, April 16.

Mr. Theodore Burton, a member of the House of Representatives has gone to Geneva as the head of the American delegation to the Conference on International Control of Traffic in Arms. Other delegates sail on Saturday. The Government is hopeful that definite practical results will come from the conference. It is anxious to co-operate to the fullest extent in obtaining practical measures for the curtailment of arms shipments. Mr. Burton and his colleagues have exhaustively studied the draft convention for a temporary mixed Commission of the League of Nations which will form the basis of discussion at Geneva and are of the opinion that it contains many features acceptable to America but in other respects will require considerable modification. The American delegates are satisfied it will be impossible to stop entirely international traffic in arms. They believe that the plan of a League Committee for the licensing of shipments is the only method of curbing the traffic satisfactorily.

Peking, April 16.—The Foreign Office, replying to the Legations on the subject of the proposed Rehabilitation Loan, cites as a precedent the sinking fund of the Third and Fourth Year public loans and declares that when the Customs duties are disbursed in accordance with precedent the Chinese Government is not bound to seek the concurrence of anyone.—Reuter.



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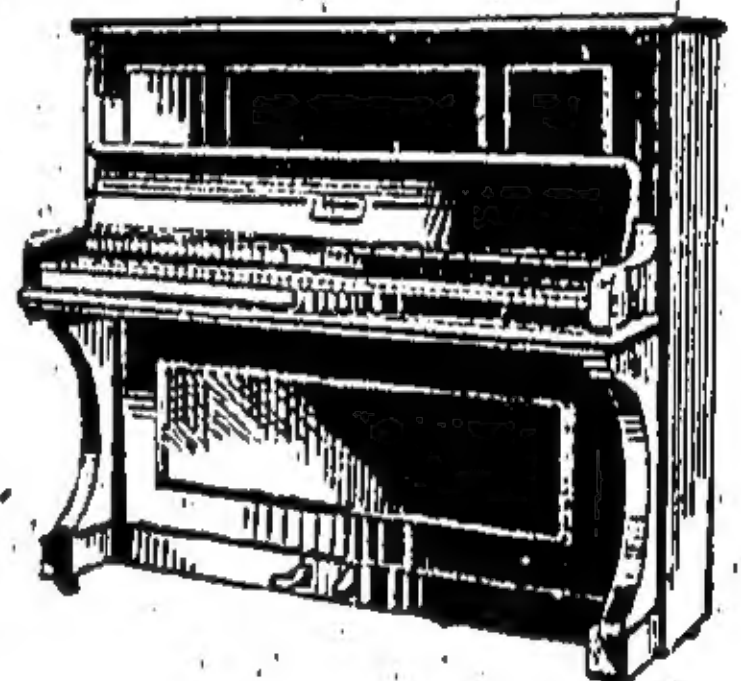
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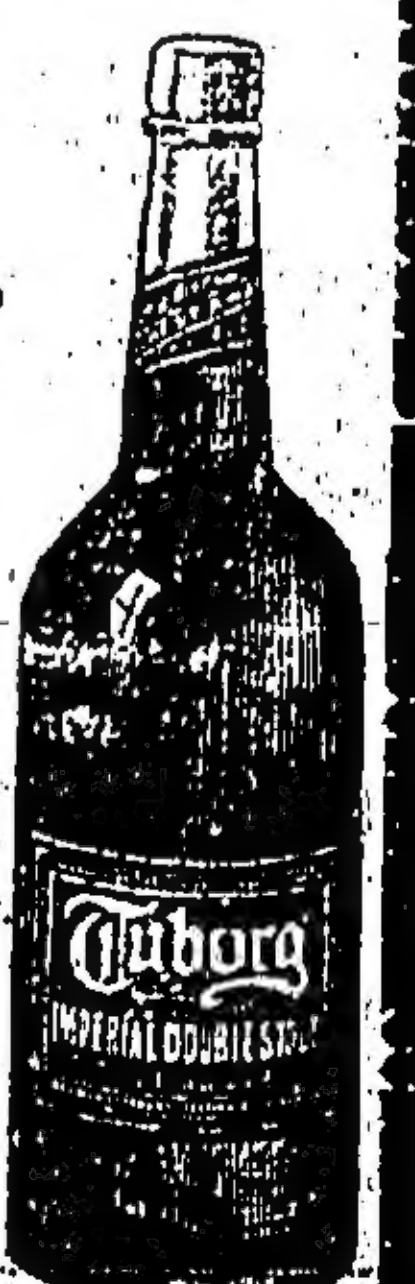
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Manila is experiencing a water shortage, the Montalban dam being practically dry.

Auction sales by Messrs. Lammer Bros are to be held tomorrow at No. 21 Godown, Kowloon Godown Co. at 10.30 a.m., and at their sales room at 11 a.m.

The village twins, little girls, were absurdly alike. Son, aged three, however, solved the problem. "This one," he said, "is Dossie, and this one," triumphantly, "is More Dossie."

The rainy weather has conclusively proved the value of the overhead construction fitted to some of the lower level tram cars. Many of the cars remain to be treated. The present canvas coverings make a gloomy interior, and those whose lot it is to use the cars daily must not time will be lost in making all cars uniform—that is, water-tight.

In response to the urgent representations of exporters of olive oil, a Spanish Royal Decree forthwith abolishes all duties and allows unrestricted exportation of the product. The duty hitherto in force has been collected since February 10, 1924, the amount varying according to the fluctuations in the average monthly price of the ordinary kinds of olive oil.

Greina has been fetching bargain prices, and the eclipse of the town is evidently going to be complete. It is a curious story of ups and downs. A village of about 500 inhabitants in 1913, it found itself five years later a town of 30,000. To-day the number has dropped to about 5,000. Before long Greina may reach the village stage again—a sort of terrestrial version of the portent of Nova Persi.

Congratulations to the Republic of Lithuania, which has repaid in full, and with interest to date, a loan contracted from Britain in 1919. It is true that the total amount is only £17,000, but Lithuania is a small and by no means wealthy country, and the collection even of these few thousands must make a difference to the State Budget. The recognition, to say nothing of the repayment of debts, has become so unfashionable of late among European countries that this example deserves special congratulation.

The next Race meeting is to be held on Saturday, May 2.

The interesting story "Camille" is being shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

A "China Mail" advertiser requires some old second-hand carpets for packing purposes.

A jumble sale in aid of the funds of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held in the City Hall yesterday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending April 4, 1925, amounted to 78,003 tons, and the sales during the period to 69,000 tons.

The silk shipped per S.S. President Grant, which sailed from this port at 5 p.m. on March 22, arrived at New York at 1 p.m. on April 14, having been 22 calendar days and 20 hours in transit.

People were talking a great deal about Christian Science, and a strong advocate of it called at a friend's house, asking for her. The maid said: "Oh! Ma'am, she's very ill." "Nonsense," said the Scientist, "she is not really ill, she only thinks she is." The next day the Scientist called again, and in answer to inquiries the maid said: "Well, Ma'am, she thinks she is dead."

A writer in a Home Journal says:—The supreme difference between the European and the American is that the one has a soul and the other a wonderful body. The machine will be cranked up by some crank. The prohibitionist made the United States dry, and, paradoxical as it may seem, the bootlegger intends to keep the country dry so that it may remain wet. Lack of soul and the crank are the two forces to reckon with when contemplating the future of America. Anything may happen: the country may blow up into half a dozen kingdoms or republics; it may be absorbed by Canada, for the north wind is stronger than the south; or America may find her soul and stride past all that has been contemplated in history. Her soul will, I think, be breathed into her by some new religion; one can sense this but it cannot be explained.

Messrs. Der A Wing Co. kindly forward specimens of the famous Koh-I-Noor pencils.

The World Theatre is soon to show "The Green Goddess" with George Arliss in the part he took in the late William Archer's famous play.

One case of diphtheria and two cases of cerebro spinal fever were notified for the 24 hours ended Wednesday. All the cases were Chinese.

A group of farmers of Pomerania are planning an exchange of their sons with farmers' sons in other parts of Germany. The purpose is to give the boys a broader view of life, and an opportunity to observe and become familiar with agricultural methods other than those of their home districts.

General Blakeney, President of the British "Fascists," writes with bold, if untimely, enthusiasm in the Nineteenth Century of the British "Fascist" movement. Undeterred by the cruel satire of Mr. H. G. Wells, who wrote recently of the pluck of British Fascists in courting misunderstanding by wearing the letters "B.F." on their blazers or jerseys, General Blakeney claims Fascism as one of the "two great and beneficent movements" that have marked the opening years of the twentieth century. The other is the "scout movement"—though anything less like the spirit of the scout movement than "Fascism" it would be hard to imagine.

According to the Bookman (New York) the most discussed book in America since "Main Street" is Percy Marks's "Plastic Age."

It worries mothers, amuses fathers, and inflames the imagination of sons and daughters concerning the vague wilderness of American undergraduate life. In justice to Mr. Marks we must observe that many present-day undergraduates assure us that his story is accurate. Still others, to be sure, announce its inaccuracy. What does it matter? Youth, after all, is the handiwork of age. The main question seems to be: do modern parents, does modern education, forget to teach self-control? And do not some of our modern moralists preach uncontrol under the guise of self-expression?

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

"Kellet Manor," No. 158, Mount Kellett, is to let from June 1 next.

The second annual school sports of the Sacred Heart School are to be held on the Club ground, Happy Valley, on Sunday next, commencing at 11 a.m. Mrs. Notewall is to distribute the prizes.

Mr. H. E. B. Mitchell of the Kowloon Dock leaves for home to-day by the Empress of Australia. Mr. Mitchell's activities in behalf of the V.R.C. and the Kowloon Football Club, are well known. The latter organisation gave him a testimonial at the annual dinner held on Saturday last in the Hongkong Hotel.

There will be a Church Parade on Sunday next of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. Members are invited to be at the Dockyard gates at 5.15 p.m., so as to be ready to move off at 5.25 p.m. The bands of H.M. ships Durban and Despatch will be in attendance. The service will be held at the St. John's Cathedral at 6 p.m.

Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair, K.C.B., C.B., M.V.O., J.P., D.L., who has been appointed to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Allan Everett, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., as Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, was born in 1867, second son of the late Captain John Hobhouse Inglis Alexander, R.N., C.B. He married in 1892 Miss Julia Margaret, third daughter of the late Colonel Charles Vereker Hamilton Campbell, of Netherplace, Ayrshire. He assumed the additional name of Sinclair in 1894. He entered the Navy in 1876, was in command of Osborne Naval College from 1905-1908; commanded the Third Light Cruiser Squadron from 1917-1920; was Admiral-Superintendent at Portsmouth Dockyard 1920-1922. Sir Edwyn served throughout the European War and was present at the battle of Jutland Bank, in 1916; (despatches twice). K.C.B., C.B., Croix de Guerre, 3rd Class Order of St. Vladimir, with swords. Sir Edwyn was promoted to Vice-Admiral in 1922. Sir Edwyn and Lady Alexander Sinclair have two sons and one daughter. They have two homes in Scotland—one at Dumbath Castle, Caithness, and the other at South Barr, Renfrew.

A Marylebone woman: "Touch a husband's pocket or his 'little Mary' and you are sure to hear a growl."

The King has sent his annual subscription of £10 10s. to the Brompton Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest.

The inauguration ceremony of the 11th and 15th Hongkong Troop of Boy Scouts is to be held on Sunday next at the Sookumpoo football ground at 2 p.m.

Mr. Ezra Abraham, the well known stock and share broker and Vice-President of the Kowloon Cricket Club, left on the Empress of Australia to-day for a holiday in England.

Mrs. Mary Davies, the Ammanford (Carmarthenshire) centenarian, whose death is announced, left seven children, 60 grandchildren, 200 great grandchildren and a great great grandchild.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the woman Socialist M.P., has already made a great hit in the Commons by her ironic comments on public affairs. Here are some of her new aphorisms:

Most members of Parliament are like tramway-cars, afraid of running off the lines. One line is fear of public opinion, the other fear of party. I hope that I have not yet got stuck between the lines.

House of Lords ceremonies frequently remind me of amateur theatricals.

M.P.s pretend to be quite indifferent to the Press. Don't believe it! I should be prepared to wager that every member of this House subscribes to a Press-cutting age and reads every word printed about him.

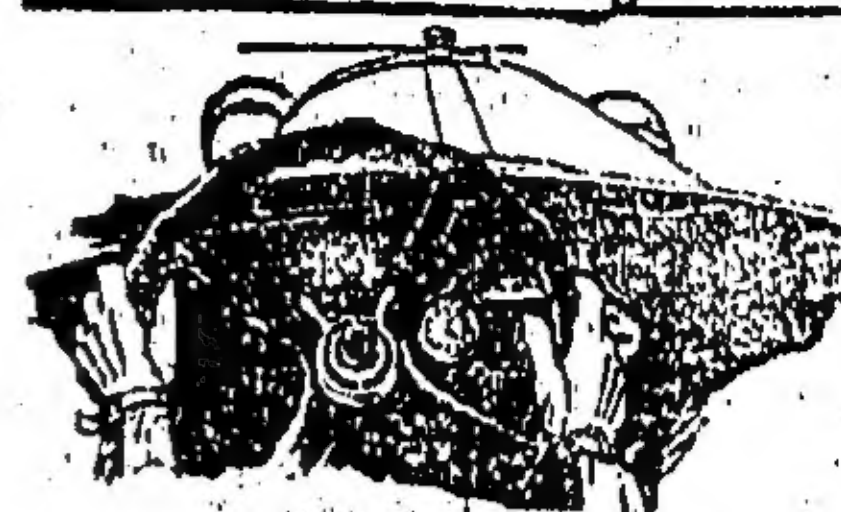
When I was said that no two women created by God can share the same sympathy, some of the new laughed at me. And yet, are there two who would share the same sympathy? I sometimes feel, when I am making a speech in the House, that I am addressing human beings but I do not always seem to be doing so.

If I had a son who was elected an M.P. my first advice to him would be: "And they don't put your brain in a strait waistcoat. They'll do the best!"

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RATIONALISM AND THE POSITION OF THE MODERN CHURCHMAN.

(Contributed.)

Labels are generally misleading. They mean different things for different people. If I label myself a Modern Churchman, it is not that I altogether like the name, nor that I wish to label others as behind the times. Modern Churchmen consent to wear this label as an indication of their belief that all new truth, from whatever quarter it may come, is part of a continuous revelation of God to man.

God, from His very nature, is always trying to reveal Himself more fully: man is so constituted that to follow the path of discovery is essential to a true life. When we speak of Revelation, we are thinking of a movement of God manward; when we speak of Discovery we are thinking of the search of man after God. Here, as everywhere, the law of cooperation holds good. The best results are obtainable only as God and man work together. Thus fear of new knowledge should be impossible. To speak, e.g., of a conflict between Religion and Science is really meaningless. When Darwin published the Origin of Species there was an outcry on the part of the churches, of which most of us are now heartily ashamed. Darwin's hypothesis of evolution was but a new and splendid revelation, or, if you will, discovery of the method by which God works.

DARWIN AND GENESIS.

Some people, of course, are still asking: Can you reconcile Darwin with Genesis, and if not, what value is left to the Old Testament? Now it may be said at once that as a textbook of science the Old Testament is absolutely worthless, because since its books were written both Revelation and Discovery have progressed, and Professor Soddy, let us say, is a more reliable guide on scientific questions than the writer of Genesis, or even than Galileo. Shall we then scrap the Old Testament altogether? That would be as foolish as to insist that Biblical science must be accepted by all Christians in the teeth of modern discoveries. The value of the Old Testament is religious, not scientific. In the Old Testament (and remember we are concerned with a library, the contents of which cover a period of more than a thousand years) we have the record of this double process of Revelation and Discovery. We see a growing knowledge of the character and will of God. The pictures of God in the Old Testament are not all equally true. If a man tries to get at the true picture of God by putting together all that the Bible says of Him, the result will be confusion. Some of the actions stamped in the Old Testament with the divine approval are on a level with the worst crimes of the German army in Belgium. In the great Prophets, on the other hand, we find teaching which reaches sometimes to the Christian level.

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

In Jesus Christ we have the true picture of God's character. That is the conviction of the New Testament writers and of Modern Churchmen. Now Christ definitely sets aside some Old Testament teaching as immoral. He repudiates, for example, the law of revenge (an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth), and it will be a great day for the Churches when this is universally recognized. It follows, then, that the whole of the Old Testament is not binding upon us to-day. As Christians we are concerned only with Christ's teaching and spirit. Nothing which falls below the level of that teaching, or is out of harmony with that spirit, is to be accepted. In Christ, His teaching, His acts, His life, His spirit—in Christ Himself, we see revealed the character of God. Christ is the answer to the insistent question: What is God like? He is "The Portrait of the Invisible God." By the picture of God which Christ presents, the truth or falsehood of all other pictures must be judged.

"LIKE ANY OTHER BOOK."

Many have come to recognise the value of scholars' work on the Old Testament; they admit the result to have been not loss, but gain; they see that to treat the books of the Old Testament "like any other book," to apply to them the ordinary methods of criticism and research, is the sure way to discover whatever is extraordinary or unique in their teaching. We understand now that the Old Testament is inspired because it was written by inspired men, and for no other reason. But we are quite clear that an inspired writer 3,000 years ago was no more magically protected from mistakes than an inspired writer of to-day. In the case of the Old Testament this is now pretty generally admitted. Of the New Testament it is no less true. A hard and fast line cannot be

drawn. Inasmuch as the writers of the New Testament stand nearer to the events which they describe, the evidence for those events may be thought to be so far better; yet complete certainty is no more divinely guaranteed for the New Testament than for the Old. We are concerned here not with what might have been, not with what we should have expected or preferred, but with what actually is.

MIRACLES.

Take, for instance, the question of New Testament miracles. Absolute proof that some alleged miraculous event either did or did not happen as described is never obtainable. In order to reach even to some degree of probability, the question must be approached from many sides. The New Testament writers expected miracles; the older defenders of Christianity saw in miracles the strongest proof that the Christian religion was true. To-day the position is different. For many of us miracles are a difficulty, not a help. We see God not in the inexplicable, the extraordinary, the spectacular, but in the whole ordered course of nature and history. To find God only "in the gaps" is to see Him less and less as the gaps in our knowledge are filled up, and to run the risk at last of driving God altogether from the world. The Modern Churchman believes that what are termed the miraculous cures of Christ happened substantially as recorded; but for him they are not miracles, if by miracle you mean a breach of natural law, but rather proofs of what a man may do who understands what Nature's God would teach. With a story like the Feeding of the Five Thousand, the Modern Churchman has more difficulty. He does not deny its possibility, but he is inclined to seek an explanation in some natural event. A study of the growth of miracle stories in other religions and in the Middle Ages shows him how easily a natural event can be transformed into a supposed miracle.

VIRGIN BIRTH AND EMPTY TOMB.

What are we to say about the stories of the Virgin Birth and the Empty Tomb? The Modern Churchman asserts that the truth even of these events must be tested by the evidence available. Not even here can we speak of absolute certainty. But if the Modern Churchman questions the narratives of the Virgin Birth, he does not question the truth of the Incarnation; if he refuses to commit himself to a belief in the Empty Tomb, he does not doubt the reality of the Resurrection, nor the fact of a living and present Christ. He claims the right to distinguish between facts and the explanations offered to account for them. Christ, "the Portrait of the Invisible God"—that is the fact. By that fact the Modern Churchman stands. But the fact does not depend on the story of the Virgin Birth, and that story he holds himself free to reject if the evidence seems to require him to do so. Again, Christ lives and He convinced the disciples of His continued presence—that is the fact; by that, too, the Modern Churchman stands. But he is not, therefore, bound to accept the story of the Empty Tomb. That story is perhaps nothing more than an inference from the fact of a living Christ—an inference natural indeed to the first century, but out of harmony with the thought of to-day. In each case the fact and the explanation are on different planes. I can never prove that the tomb was empty or that Christ was born without a human father. Here I can neither affirm nor deny with anything more than probability behind my statement. No experience of mine can make the truth of these stories a whit more certain. On the other hand, when I assert that Christ lives and that in Him I see God, I cannot force you to agree with me; but I can offer you the test of experience. I can say, "Look for yourself; see whether the faith of a Christian does not work as a hypothesis, does not fit the facts, does not verify itself increasingly with the growing years." A faith so tested has nothing to fear from new discoveries; it is a faith for simple and learned alike, since it rests not on the exploded authority of an infallible Bible, not on the hardly won conclusions of critics and scholars, but on the sure basis of experience, an experience which may be achieved by any honest and adventurous seeker after truth.

SCOPE OF THE CHURCH.

If the Bible is not infallible, neither is the Church. To the Modern Churchman the question: Did Christ found the Church? is really without meaning. Clearly He left followers to carry on His work in the power of His spirit. What He himself taught the time and nature of His return it is difficult to determine. There can be little doubt that the disciples expected His "Second Coming" at any moment. Thus the question of Church organization can scarcely have been of overwhelming interest. Still less, if we may trust the Gospel portrait, can it have interested Christ. That the Church from early days has been governed by bishops, and that government by bishops has proved effective, is true. But to say that it is not to say that a Church not so governed is no Church, nor may we assert that government by bishops or any other form of government whatever was commanded by Christ. The Church consists of all those "who profess and call themselves Christians"; its existence is necessary for carrying on the work of Christ; it is, in St. Paul's phrase, His Body, inasmuch as His spirit dwells in those who follow Him and work through them. The unity which Christ required is a unity of spirit. He said nothing of organization. Where two or three are gathered in His name, there is Christ.

COMPLEX CREEDS.

Of Creeds I shall say little. Creeds are based on the New Testament. They have no independent authority unless we are to suppose that the Church which vouches for them is infallible, and this both common sense and the record of Church history forbid us to do. The statements of the Creeds are no more above criticism than the statements of the Bible. While the Creeds are valuable summaries of certain aspects of the Christian faith, it is absurd to require a wholesale acceptance of their statements as a condition of membership, for the simple reason that with the best will in the world we cannot bind ourselves to repeat all the clauses in exactly the sense which commends itself to our neighbours. In this connection we do well to remember the saying of the late Bishop of Carlisle, "The more complex the Creed, the more it obscures the Christ."

BAPTISM AND HOLY COMMUNION.

There can be no doubt that Baptism and Holy Communion go back to the earliest days of the Christian Church, and the Modern Churchman desires that these sacraments shall be profitably used and honourably esteemed. At the same time he is careful not to ascribe to them a magical significance. He would have it made quite plain that baptized infants are no more beyond the circle of the love of God than those who have been baptized. For him the distinction between valid and invalid sacraments is unreal. The presence of Christ in the Holy Communion in no way depends for him upon the ministrations of a priest episcopally ordained. He may be even uncertain whether Christ intended to institute a service which should be repeated. On the other hand, he sees in the Holy Communion a service "instinct with the personality of Christ"; it is full of Christ's spirit; the ideas to which it gives expression are His. The Holy Communion stands for the truth that the world cannot afford to forget Christ, that Christ is no mere memory, but a present Friend; that in Him all are brothers, that God is seen in the common things and is accessible to all alike, that service and sacrifice are "the very bread and wine of existence," that to be a Christian is to receive into yourself the Spirit of Christ crucified, and to let that spirit express itself in work and action. Therefore it is that the Church does well to keep that service as the centre of its worship in every age.

"LITTLE LIES."

For the Modern Churchman, as for all Christians, Christ is central. No one has even succeeded in making too much of Jesus Christ. But just because we are so certain of this, we are eager, as Richard Baxter was eager, "not to make more fundamentals than Christ made." As Modern Churchmen we seek passionately the real Christ. In that search for reality we welcome the results of what is called the Higher Criticism, which enable us to know the Jesus of Galilee with a surer knowledge than was possible in former days. We find in Him one who saw God as Father, men as sons of God, life as an opportunity for service in the spirit of love. For us as for Christ the essentials of Christianity are found in love of God, love of man, and an attitude of discipleship towards Christ as Master. Our aim, therefore, is simplification. "Christianity," someone has said, "is something a great deal simpler than the Church would like to make it." This we believe. But by simplification we do not mean a Christianity made easy, whitened down, robbed of its essential character; we mean rather a Christianity so simple in presentation that a child can

STORY OF LOANS.

A KOWLOON WOMAN'S MONEY.

BOW STREET CHARGE.

Joseph Aspinall, 51, engineer, of Holland Park-avenue, W., was charged on remand at Bow Street Police Court on March 7, before Sir Charles Biron, with having obtained credit to the extent of £1,800 from Mrs. Anna Pennefather, of The Park, Sidcup, without disclosing the fact that he was an undischarged bankrupt. Mr. Wickham defended.

Mr. Vincent Evans, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that Aspinall was adjudged bankrupt in July, 1921, and was still undischarged. In May last Mrs. Pennefather was introduced to him at the offices of the Plymouth Mining Co., in Shaftesbury-avenue, W. He held her that he owned mines near Plymouth which contained arsenic, and that he wanted £400 to pay miners' wages. On May 19 Mrs. Pennefather advanced him £1,000, the agreement being that the loan was to be for six months in consideration of 10 per cent. interest, together with a cash bonus of £2,000 and a further bonus of some shares in a company to be formed. Later the same month Aspinall told Mrs. Pennefather that he had been able to buy British Controlled Oil and other shares, and that he could pool them very nicely if he had another £400. He represented that by holding on to the shares he could clear a profit of £50,000. Mrs. Pennefather advanced him the £400 and subsequently other sums amounting in all to £1,800.

Evidence was given by Mrs. Pennefather, the wife of a mercantile marine captain in the Far East, who gave her address as the Strand Palace Hotel. In reply to questions, witness said she did not remember if Aspinall told her he was an undischarged bankrupt.

Mr. Evans referred to statements which Mrs. Pennefather was alleged to have made to the police, and submitted that by her answers now she was showing herself to be a hostile witness.

The magistrate said he could not send the case for trial on this evidence, and ordered the defendant to be discharged.

Mr. Wickham said that Aspinall would adhere to his agreement with Mrs. Pennefather, and she could have her money back within a month. His business was perfectly genuine.

CHINESE BOXING.

DISPLAY AND CONCERT ON SUNDAY.

Sponsors of the art of boxing, all over China, for both sexes, the Hongkong branch of the Chin Woo Athletic Association is giving a display and concert at the Tai Ping theatre, West Point, on Sunday night. Items such as self-defence, members of the fair sex, are included in a programme of much variety.

On Sunday afternoon, also at the theatre, at 1 p.m., the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall will distribute the prizes at the 4th anniversary of the association.

grasp it, yet so true to Christ's own intention that only those led by His spirit can see the full range of the ideal which it presents to men. With the aim of simplification, I should wish to link the search for truth as a dominant desire amongst us. Reference has been recently made to "the Church's exasperating habit of telling little lies in support of a great truth." As Modern Churchmen we seek to free the Church from such a charge. Believing neither in an infallible Church nor in an infallible Bible, we claim Christ's promise of guidance into further truth; we regard the Church as a company of men and women pledged to proclaim Christianity "as a way of living ordinary life," we stand to it that Christ has a message for every man in every age, and that in Him lies the solution of the world's problems, the answer to man's every need.

SEARCH FOR TRUTH.

With the great scientists we hold that the most important discoveries are made "not from any desire of gain, but from a simple determination to know the truth." We believe that by following this road "Christians will become as great masters of the spiritual world, as scientists have become of the natural world." With William Penn we assert that "God did never ask man leave to introduce or make further discoveries of His mind to the world." With Robert Browning we say triumphantly, in the conviction of a personal experience which, no doubt, can share—"The acknowledgment of God in Christ accepted by thy reason, solves for thee all questions in the earth and out of it."

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

PORTUGUESE DEFEAT THE REST.

REPLAYED MATCH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, April 16. In the replayed association football match between the Hongkong and Shanghai Portuguese versus the Rest of Shanghai, the combined Portuguese team won by two goals to one.

Rocha and Gosano netted for the winners and Goldman for the Rest. [N.B.—Rocha and Gosano are both members of the Hongkong Club de Recreo and played in the interport match which the Shanghai Portuguese won after extra time. Goldman has represented Shanghai in "official" interport football matches against Hongkong. The first match between the combined Portuguese and the Rest of Shanghai ended, after extra time, in a draw.]

FIRST INTERPORT.

MATCH DESCRIBED AT LENGTH.

The "N. C. Daily News," of April 13, says, concerning the interport match:—

The first game in what promises to be a decidedly interesting addition to the interport games was played on Saturday (April 11), at Hongkong Park, Shanghai. Portuguese meeting a team composed of their compatriots from Hongkong. It is proposed to make the game an annual affair, to be played alternately at Shanghai and Hongkong, the winner holding for one year a handsome shield presented by Mr. P. H. Mody, of Hongkong.

The visitors had an excellent team and gave a delightful exhibition of football. In many respects they were superior to the Shanghai side, but in the end had to acknowledge defeat by three goals to two. The match was played before a big crowd, and was most keenly contested. Both goals were attacked in the first few minutes, the Shanghai forwards once getting into fine scoring position which was spoiled by Marcal being offside. At the other end Gosano, who led the Hongkong forwards very cleverly and was constantly dangerous, put in a great shot which narrowly missed the net. Gosano, Rocha and Brown were prominent in a series of attacks which repeatedly put the Shanghai defence in difficulties, but Passos and Costa were in particularly good form and the visitors were kept out. Shanghai took the lead after about 10 minutes play. Sequeira and Gutierrez being responsible for an opening of which Collico took advantage, scoring a pretty goal. Within five minutes, Hongkong equalized, Gosano getting a clever goal. The same player found the net again shortly afterwards but was ruled offside. Hongkong continued to have the best of the game, all efforts by the Shanghai forwards being easily checked by Ogley and Xavier, but once Marcal shot poorly when presented with a fine opening by Collico, Gosano then got in another good shot which Gavacho sent over the line for a corner. This Shanghai goal had other narrow escapes, especially when Rocha hit the post with a beautiful drive; but Collico had equally hard luck with a shot which scraped the bar. Shortly before half-time, the energetic Collico manoeuvred an opening for Marcal, who made no mistake this time and gave Shanghai the lead. At the interval, the home side led by two goals to one.

In the second half the game continued at a fast pace and both goals were subjected to strong pressure, but only one goal was scored. This occurred about midway through the half, when Rocha equalized the scores. The Shanghai forwards gave a rather disappointing display in this half and never looked quite like forcing home an attack, despite valiant efforts by Marcal and Collico. At full time, the score was two goals all, and it was agreed to play an extra half hour. The first quarter was notable for two exceptionally fine saves by Perpetuo, who reached shots which looked like certain scorers. Towards the end, the Hongkong team tired and Shanghai, finishing strongly, scored the winning goal, Marcal finding the net. Shanghai thus won by three goals to two, and for this result they are chiefly indebted to Perpetuo and Passos, Costa, who played a great game at centre half, and Collico and Marcal. Xavier and Ogley put up a fine defence for Hongkong, and the forwards gave a pretty display, Gosano being the star performer in the line.

Moscow, April 16.—A Leningrad Court has sentenced the priest Ussay to six years' imprisonment on a charge of assaulting women in the course of his official duties as a member of the Polish Reparation Commission. The accused's demands to be handed over to the Polish Authorities was dismissed on the ground that the Polish Government has recognised the competence of the "Revolutionary Tribunal."

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Baron Hugo von Maltzan, new German Ambassador to the United States, has assumed his diplomatic duties in Washington, succeeding Dr. Otto Weidlich. He is shown leaving the White House accompanied by Mr. J. Butler Wright, third assistant Secretary of State, after presenting his credentials to President Coolidge.



Miss Kathryn Haywood claims the 142 women's billiard title. She has received a challenge from Miss Schrier, of Holland, holder of the European title, to play a championship match for the world's title.

Above: MARY E. RICHMOND & RAY LOPOFSKY
Below: MADELINE SMITH & MARY PETRELLESE

Tears and drama marked the opening of an investigation by a jury into the alleged laxity of marriage laws. Thirty girls, all between fourteen and nineteen, who were married and later had their marriages annulled, were prepared to testify they secured marriage licenses. Mary Richmond told the jury that a two years' study of marriage conditions has unveiled a startling number of child marriages. Miss Ray Lopofsky testified that she secured a marriage license when she was but sixteen. Madeline Smith told much the same story. They held annulment papers. Mary Petrellese told the jury her father had threatened to shoot her if she did not marry Pizzanola Camillo, whom she said she hated. She also secured an annulment after a year.



Dr. Rapert Blue is considered the most likely candidate for the post on the Narcotic Control Board to be formed at Geneva.



Despite the tremendous ovations given Leonid Krasin (above) Soviet Minister to France, the Harriot Cabinet emphatically stated that unless the Third Internationale ceased its Communist propaganda in France, Krasin would be given his passports and put out of the country.



Premier Pashitch, of Jugo Slavia, who risks ruin of his country, in his order causing the arrest of Stefan Raditch, leader of the Croatian Peasants' Party. The latter is charged with being a Soviet agent, and that he is trying to "sell out" his country to Hungary in a secret treaty. Feeling is daily growing stronger, and a peasant revolution is expected.



AMBASSADOR MATSUDAIRA & FAMILY

Tsunao Matsudaira, the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, has arrived in America. He is shown as his boat docked at San Francisco with his family. Mrs. Matsudaira (seated) with Master Jiro on her lap, and Setsuko and Masako, his two daughters.

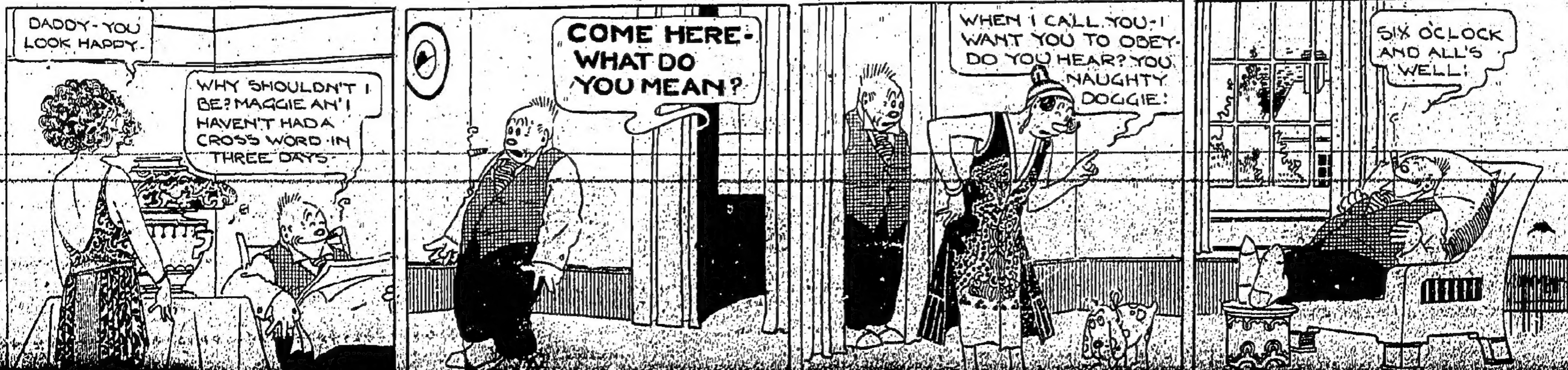


A quartette of pretty society girls show their nerve and their faith in the skill of the Wolf Burton, lending amateur fancy skater by forming an obstacle for him to jump on skates.

Above: ADMIRAL W. A. MOFFATT & JAMES L. FERGUSON
Below: PRINCESS HERMINE & BENITO MUSSOLINI

Rear-Admiral William A. Moffatt has been nominated by President Coolidge to continue as chief of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics. Ex-Governor James Ferguson, of Texas, whose wife is now Governor, and who was impeached several years ago on a charge of malfeasance in office, has virtually won his long fight for vindication, the Texas House of Representatives having voted to grant him amnesty and return his citizenship. Princess Hermine, wife of the former Kaiser, has gone to Berlin to submit to an operation, according to London cables. Fascist Premier Benito Mussolini, of Italy, seriously ill in Rome, is said to be facing a grave intestinal operation.

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WORLD OF SPORT.**FOOTBALL.****CAN PLAYERS BE MADE?**

Although the curtain will soon be rung down on the football season, a few of the hints given by Alex. McNair, of Celtic, Scottish Cup winners last Saturday, may be stored up by local players for next season. He says:—

"What a silly question to ask, I can hear the reader saying. 'Why, of course they can.'"

But can they? Give a second thought and try and recollect a player of note who has been "made." I make mention of a "player of note," because it must be understood I am referring only to players who have made their mark in the world of football, and not to those who can perhaps kick a ball or command a place in any team.

Any lad can be made to learn how to kick a ball, and perhaps become a fair exponent, although he takes up the game pretty late in the day.

But, as I shall try to prove presently, those who have become personalities in the football field were certainly not "made." How often do we hear the expression "a born footballer"? That's the crux of my argument in a nutshell. In all my twenty years—and a bit—experience of the game, I know of no one who has been at the top of the tree in the football profession who did not have their genius born with them.

They possessed that indefinable "something" which simply could not be obtained by instruction. Round about international time we hear a lot about something which the critics call the "international temperament." Some people scoff at the critics. I don't. I have seen too many failures for that. Rightly or wrongly expressed, there is a "something" which is wanting among players who can, under ordinary circumstances, put up a splendid exhibition of football. And it is that "something" which cannot be taught.

Leaving the international side of the question out of it altogether, let me follow my argument a little closer.

Let me take an instance. Say a club gets hold of half-a-dozen promising young lads who are fair players in junior circles. They are taken in hand by the same club trainer, undergo the same system, and play alongside the same players.

How many of the half-dozen will be considered good enough to be kept by the club at the end of the term. Perhaps, one, maybe two, if the club has been lucky. If you could make a footballer, why, the job of running a successful team would be easy, and there would be queues waiting to take a hand in such management. It is a

pretty picture, but it will not work. Think of the number of junior players who step up every season and who drop out of the game as suddenly as they came into it. If they could be "made" players, it surely stands to reason they would be in the game for life; or, rather, as long as nature allowed them to carry on.

Why do clubs employ scouts to go talent-spotting? If players could be turned out by any system, the talent-hunter's job would be gone. He would be on the dole. But it is just because players are "born" and not made that these scouts are required. Their job is to spot a lad who has it in him—the indefinable something which will carry him through to success. More often than not the scout's judgment is at fault. His "swans" turn out "geese." The lad who is not a naturally gifted player, can never rise above the mediocre.

Mind you, I am not to be supposed to say that football players cannot improve their play. That would be nonsense. They can—and very often do. But the lad who is a bad junior will never be a first-class senior, no matter what course of training he goes through. One can learn a lot through experience. I confess I have learned quite a lot since I came to Celtic Park twenty odd years ago, but it was by experience. Nobody taught me. I taught myself, and I could not explain it. I tried how or why that development came. All I know is that I found a way out for myself.

My methods of back play have been described as of the "icicle" type but no one taught me how to play that way. It seemed to me the most natural game to play—and there you are. Forgive me if I seem a bit mixed, but anyone who knows me well enough can vouch that I am no conversationalist.

Just by way of an interruption, let me tell you one against myself in that connection. We were playing an international match in London a good few years ago, and in the evening after the match one of the Scots party—a Pressman—had to return to Scotland that night by the midnight train. Not wishing to do the long journey to Scotland alone, he inquired anxiously of a crowd in the hall of the hotel if anyone was travelling by the same train, as he "wanted a pal." "Yes," said someone; "Alec McNair is going home to-night. He'll be a chum for you."

"Alec McNair," echoed the Pressman; "he's not much good as a travelling companion. I'd be as well with that hall table, for all the talk I'd get out of Alec."

We did travel together, and I often wondered why I could not get a word in edgewise. I only heard the story the other day.

Now to get on with my argument. Could you "teach" a goalkeeper

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Consequent upon the success of the New Zealand cricket team against Victoria, the feeling is growing that New Zealand should consider sending an All Black cricket team to England next season to play the minor counties. Emphasis is laid upon the fact that the West Indies send teams to England and that the New Zealand cricket standard is higher than theirs.

RUGGER LEGISLATION.

A meeting at Edinburgh of the International Rugby Board has approved the by-law forbidding the opposing side charging when a penalty is being taken.

New Zealand's invitation to a British team to tour New Zealand in 1926 has been referred to the Union.

to be a Sam Hardy or a Jimmy Brownlie? Could you produce from raw material Jesse Pennington, a Bob Crompton, or a Nick Smith; a Meredith or a Bobby Walker; a mercurial player like Bobby Templeton; a schemer like Jim McMenemy; or a dashing, dare-devil, never-say-die centre like Jimmy Quinn? These are names which just occur to me, and are only instances which could be multiplied by dozens. These players were never "made" football experts. It was in them.

If anyone could teach lads to emulate the feats of those famous players, his fortune would be made.

But, you will say, we have as great players as these playing to-day. Of course, we have, and will have, I hope, many more coming in the future for the sake of the game. But no one will have a hand in the making of them. A trainer may train a lad to run, to head a ball, or to shoot (although I very much doubt if the last two are taught very often), but he will never make a player if it is not in the person himself.

I do not wish these words of mine to be a discouragement to young lads who have a notion of the game. Far from it. I want them to try and find out if they have a "bent" (as we say in Scotland) for the game. If they have, let them develop it. They are sure to get on.

And there is always plenty of room for the others. We cannot all be at the top of the tree, and even if honours are not for them, they can still "derive a lot of pleasure—not to say profit—from just playing the game."

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